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IT'S OCTOBER AGAIN, SO:

Gather Round
And harken to the call
If you'd receive
Your Mugelnoos at all

We don't get down
Upon our knees
You just submit
TWO DOLLARS, PLEASE!



ROCK CLIMBING OKTOBERFEST PICNIC

CONTRARY TO THE LOCATION LISTED IN THE S.C. SCHEDULE (#209, p 87), the annual Rock Climbing Section Picnic, a BYOF & B affair, will be held at UPPER CHILAO CAMPGROUND, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26th. Plan to eat at noon, but be there early for bouldering in the nearby creek bed. REMEMBER -- The PICNIC counts as a CLIMB!

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MUGELNOOS MEETING TIME CHANGE

Beginning November 19, Mugelnoos meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:30 PM with the Ski Mountaineers Section as hosts. Discussions on Alpine ski touring equipment will again be held at 7:00 PM. Programs will usually begin around 8:00 PM, followed by refreshments and folding of The Mugelnoos. Programs will not necessarily be ski-oriented and will include a climb of Mt. McKinley. (Gee, we'll really appreciate the refreshments after all those McKinley climbs!-Ed) Whenever possible program content will be published in advance in Mugelnoos. Non-skiers (presumably RCS & other unbaptized-Ed) are urged to continue to attend; RCS as well as SMS announcements will be made.

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POSTAL RATES CLIMB SKY HIGH (AND DON'T DESCEND)

The September Mugelnoos erroneously states that it now takes "advantage of lower postal rates". Mugelnoos goes first class to avoid long delays in delivery. In 1938 this cost 3¢; in 1945, 3¢; in 1959, 4¢; in 1967, 5¢; in 1970, 6¢; in 1974, 8¢; in 1975, 10¢; -- and 13¢ is promised for later this year. Let's not give credit where undue! (i.e., the P.O., no reflection on the commendable efforts of Tim Ryan but he hath not a magic wand! - Ed)

RDM

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SKI MOUNTAINEERS MEETING NOTICE

The Ski Mountaineers Section Central Committee will hold a meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 7:30 PM, at the Angeles Chapter Sierra Club Headquarters. (2410 Beverly) Main purpose of the meeting will be to plan the spring ski touring schedule. All Ski Mountaineer Members and their guests are welcome to attend or send in suggestions.

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SHEEP MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS

S.M. Member Dee Trent reports that the boundaries proposed by the Sierra Club for the Sheep Mountain Wilderness in the Mt. Baldy area will leave out the more popular routes to the summit so that most hikers and skiers won't have to get involved with permits. The boundary would be along the ridge of the "Backbone" and just west of the Bear Flats Trail.

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MUGELNOOS MEETINGS: 3rd Wed. each month,
7:30 p.m. Lemon Grove Rec. Center 4959
Lemon Grove Ave., LA, just off Hollywood
Fwy. near Melrose exit. Trip news,
program, food, laughs; Climbers, skiers,
guests, etc. welcome

C A L E N D A R

- Oct. 26 RCS Annual Picnic, see pg 1
- Oct. 28 Ski Mtnr. CC meeting see pg 1
- Nov. 1-2 Leadership Training, see pg 2 rt.
- Nov. 13 RCS Annual Business Meeting.
Note change from Nov 12
per sched 209 pg 89 see pg 2 rt.
- Nov. 19 Mugelnoos Meeting
- Nov. 28-30 Climb, Joshua Tree, see page 4

RUSS CLIMBERS STICK STECK

Are they going to dam Al Steck, clear-cut him, or what? No, but we still have to save Al Steck from bankruptcy.

Last month the A.A.C. sent six visiting Soviet mountaineers to Allen in Albany, with instructions that he show them the Bay Area, the wine country, and then get them onto some Yosemite rock. This the Venerable Tiger of Yosemite did. After 10 days of playing hosts, he and fellow Sierran Raffi Bedayn were in the hole about \$500.

As an old friend of Angeles Chapter climbers, Allen has requested that we help out however we can. So, please pull out a buck or two, stick it into an envelope, and send it to Allen Steck, 1398 Solano Ave., Albany Ca. 94706.

Don't put it off. Allen raised thousands for us with his slide show of the Pamirs a few months ago. Let's now help him out. Save Al Steck! NK
(See Aug. Mugelnoos, page 2)

A. A. C. LIBRARY

The west coast branch of the American Alpine Club Library is now open in Stockton, California at 171 W. Adams St. Books are available for loan to American Alpine Club members and available to the general public for research and browsing. The library includes a museam, maps, magazines and mountaineering books. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday thru Saturday and to 9 p.m. on Thursday. Chuck Sipes is director and Dave Cook is Branch Manager. SUMMIT April 1975

Y.O.S.E.M.I.T.E R.I.P.O.F.F

Climber Jeff Lash called to report the following items of equipment were stolen from his locked car during a recent Yosemite climbing trip:

Full set Choinard nuts & stoppers, 25 carabiners (mostly SMC), Large dark blue Alpine sleeping bag, Sierra Designs orange Inyo down parka-down inside, 60/40 outside, orange rucksack, 1 set Forest tindins, special braking sling-blue and black, brand new Choinard anorak-lite blue. These are recognized by JAL engraved on hardware, not very distinctly.

Anyone noticing some of this gear would do Jeff a great service by contactin contacting him at 213 670 1132 6-10pm. (Another sad facet of today's Yosemite --Ed) JL

R.C.S. ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The Rock Climbing Section Annual Business Meeting will be held 7p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13th. The meeting place is at the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Auditorium, 111 N. Hope Street. Free parking is available in the Customer Service lot on Hope Street. EY

LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE

The Angeles Chapter Leadership Training Course is offering its next lecture series on the weekend of Nov. 1-2 at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena. Club members who wish to enroll for these lectures should send SASE to Fred Miller, 1711 S. 3rd Ave. Arcadia, Ca. 91006 EY

BALDY HUT INVASION PROBLEMS

Those who object to having their anticipated quiet weekends at the Mt. San Antonio Hut suddenly interrupted by the unexpected invasion of hordes of BMTG students (see Carl Lundquist's letter in October '75 Southern Sierran, page 7) are urged to write letters to Angeles Chapter Executive Committee. Perhaps if enough complaints are received something will be done about this situation. BL

MUGELMAILING, THEN & NOW

Two Mugelmailers -- the first-ever (Howard Gates, 1938) and the current one (Tim Ryan) met at the July 16 Mugelnoos meeting, and discussed then-and-now. They were introduced by RDM who in '38 was editing the Mugelnoos every 2 weeks and has supervised it off and on ever since.

The question came up as to where the paper was put out, way back then. Glen Dawson published the first few issues somewhere. Next, Mugelhelpers met in Ruth's Aunt Alice's back yard. Later gatherings were held in the apartment of Ruth and (continued page)

SAN ANTONIO HUT WORK PARTY 4 - 5 OCTOBER

12 or 15 people showed up for this work party, some staying for the night. A fine meal was provided by the San Antonio Hut Gourmet Section (jim Powers, chairman) as an Italian dinner was provided for everyone. John Wedberg personally transported 2 gallons of the four or more total gallons of tasty grape squeezin's packed in to go with the dinner.

Work done in the weekend included repair of the front steps and replacement of window glass, but this was mostly a wood cutting expedition.

Five members of the Mount Baldy Volunteer Fire Department showed up about noon Saturday. They had been commissioned to scout out emergency helicopter landing sites in the Baldy Bowl, which was done, two sites were established. They appeared again about 9 pm hunting a hiker lost up the creek. Dennis Lantz, Jim Powers and the VFD set out in the dark with searchlights. It seems that the lost hiker walked out again the following morning.

Conclusion--we should have a 2 way radio at the hut--citizen's band--with which to communicate with Earl Adams, Snowcrest manager. The VFD was given a key to the Hut in the event it should become necessary in a case of emergency.

Sidelight: 1 month ago a hiker fell down the scree and was banged up and immobile. Search and Rescue was called out. Mark Ikeda helped the hiker using the Hut's Stokes litter, which he later carried back up to the Hut--no mean task.

The Hut is still short of winter wood and another work party is needed before the snow flies. JW

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ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON RYAN-MENDENHALL ROUTE ON MIDDLE PAL

In addition to the description of a new route on Middle Palisade (see Sept '75 Mugelnoos, pg. 1), Tim Ryan adds the following notes on the route:

Middle Palisade: East Face via South Glacier--Ascend to the highest point on the left hand (s) glacier. Climb to a 60 foot horizontal ledge (5.4). Cross the ledge and climb the obvious chimney. Go left out on the face and then go up to a belay beneath an overhang. Continue up for one pitch. Then traverse left around a corner into a broad chute that leads to the first notch south of Middle Palisade. From this notch traverse to the right for one pitch before ascending to the summit ridge. TR

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TAHQUITZ CLIMB SEPTEMBER 13 - 14

Participants on the Sept 13-14 Tahquitz climb enjoyed two days of ideal weather. There was a sizeable turnout of both members and guests. Our students had evidently become quite proficient, because very few were unable to lead and no recruitment of climb leaders was necessary. (?-Ed). A number of candidates for RCS membership had made arrangements to climb with members of the Safety Committee.

Rock climbing popularity seemed to reach a very high level for the weekend and there was a great abundance of climbers in addition to those supplied by the RCS. For the most part, the popular easy climbs did not have the horrendous congestion that sometimes develops. Instead there was a relatively uniform coating of climbers on the rock, and on Sunday there was hardly an empty climb to be found on the entire north side. RGL

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THE FOLLOWING IS A POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Leonard Bayless, a section member, is currently running for a position on the Angeles Chapter Executive Committee. Help him win. V O T E Ballots are on the back page of the current (Oct '75) SOUTHERN SIERRAN.

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MUGELMAILING, THEN & NOW (Cont'd from Page 2)

sister Joan (then Dyars). In May, 1939, all such activities were transferred to the Griffin Ave. "Base Camp", the RCS-Ski Mountaineer coeducational cooperative home that became the social center for skiers and climbers for 2½ years. This institution broke up during World War II. Meetings wer held in various homes, but later ourgrew such quarters and were moved to L.A. Playground clubhouses (Arroyo Seco, then Lemon Grove), where they have been held monthly to this very day.

And what's new in Muglemailing? Tim's effective computerized system---and Postal Rates!!

JOSHUA TREE CLIMB ANNOUNCED NOV. 28 - 30 th

Mugelnoos received advance Schedule information to the effect that there will be a Rock Climb at the Sheep's Pass campground in Joshua Tree Nat'l Monument (Site #3) on Nov. 28-30. Catch: maximum number of people reserved for is 20 with 4 vehicles and NO Campers. In view of these regulations, it would be wise to check with the leaders before departure. They are Jim Campbell 213 286-9751 and John Ripley 213 869-9670.

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Dan's Ski and Mountain Shop, Lancaster, has the following items of interest to Ski Mountaineers:

- 1) Trucker Alpine Skis.... Widely used for Ski Mountaineering in the Rockies.
- 2) Alpine Research Binding..Ski Mountaineer's Delight. The best I've ever seen! Safe--can be used with Mountain boots, Downhill boots. Can be IAS calibrated. Coverts to downhill downhill binding in 2 seconds.
- 3) "Spoiler".....To be used with mountaineering boots to give them great lateral rigidity and a high back.
- 4) Skins..... These new types can be pasted directly to bottom of ski. No straps. Adhesive may have to be replaced once during the season. Slightly more expensive than Vinersas.
- 5) Adjustable Paks.....Length can be varied to suit terrain.

There is no reason why the Trucker Ski, with Alpine Research bindings, cannot be used for both downhill and Mountain skiing. No need to have two sets of equipment. Call Dan at (805) 942-0804 for more information. Address: Dan's Ski & Mountain Shop, 844 W. Lancaster Blvd, Lancaster, Ca., 93534. Naturally, we also sell that equipment that Barbara calls "Cross Country Junk", not to mention North Face, Sierra Designs, Kelty, Jan Sport, Vasque and we have GB rock shoes in stock.

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F W S A AGAIN BLASTS SIERRA CLUB Z

The October 1 issue of Far West Ski News carries a banner headline "Battle Rages over Yosemite Park". In this article, the controversies with the Club over the Yosemite Master Plan are, as in their July 15, 1975 issue, once again aired. The statement is made that the Sierra Club wants the Badger Pass Ski Are removed from the Park, all alpine ski runs replanted and cross-country skiing eliminated. Our readers are once again urged to read the thoughtful treatment of these allegations made by Mugelnoos Editor Carl Lundquist in the August issue. His salient points are that the Clubs views are often interpreted to be those espoused by vocal individual members who identify themselves as SC members at public meetings, and then go on to voice personal opinion. The Club has evidently stated a long term goal of removing concessions from the Park. Does a ski area/x country runs fall into this catagory? Write Yos. Planning Team c/o Golden Gate NRA, Fort Mason, San Francisco, CA 94123 and give your opinion. (Badger would seem innocuous - Ed) + - + - + BOOK REVIEW "Wager With the Wind-The Don Sheldon Story by James Greiner. Rand McNally and Company, Box 7600, Chicago 60680, 256 pp 34 pics \$8.95. Don Sheldon, Alaskan orphan boy, trapper, miner, upon seeing his first bush pilot"like he came from Mars.How much better than beating yourslef with a pair of snowshoes".And about wanting to fly"My God,when you bite into a big,red apple, ya want to make the thing squirt juice for 10 feet".About a rescue search in mountains and fog:"There would be no room for even a carelessly drawn breath,there she lay-- the transport was scattered for half a mile". Such is the tone of this beautiful, yet brutal biography,for Greiner has embedded in these pages the tension, the brave gallows humor,the undiluted reality of bush flying:"Even routine landings he made would raise the hair on a frozen orange".That's Greiner.Here's Sheldon,one of the most famous and skillful pilots who ever lived:"I saw something reddish and began to ease the plane upward.Perry said,"was that a fox?"It was. We were in cloud 10 feet below the ridge. This man who landed on mountains, he owned Mt.McKinley, though its 20,000 foot summit was well above the ceiling of his Super Cub, for he found updrafts and blew across the mountain with the rock ravens. He routinely made crevasse-edged glacier rescue landings abobe 16,000 ft. "Since Bullard was six-foot four,It took the precaution of lashing a clear spruce two by eight to the wing struts and tail section..I knew that,frozen solid, Bullard would be too big to get into the Cub". Sheldon's rescues made national headlines; he survived half a dozen total crashes, including a turbulent air break-up feeling "the heart-stopping horror of spinning to earth among giant cottonwoods".He never injured a passenger, and died in bed at 53. Cancer. Wager the Wind is in its fourth printing. It's being dickered over for movies,TV, big things. It should be.

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